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A report, concerning
the Military Academy of Sanitation in Leningrad. This report includes
information on the scholastic system at the academy, the course of study,
political indoctrination, and organization of the academy.

Comment: This is possibly part of the Military Medical
Academy i/n St. M. Kirov.

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GENERAL

The Military Academy of Sanitation was located in the city of Leningrad and was subordinate to the Ministry of War. It was a State Military Institute.

The requisites for admission to the Academy were as follows:

Applicants had to be at least 23 years of age and in possession of their medical or veterinary degrees, also personal history, working papers, health certificate and six self portraits.

SCHOLASTIC SYSTEM:

Students were free to choose their courses; they could also take courses by correspondence and could take two courses at the same time. If during the term, a student should miss part of the classes for a period of over two months, he was allowed to take final examinations on those subjects where they have had grades of "Good", that is, over "3". If he passed the examinations, he was given credit on those subjects for the next term. In case he did not pass the examinations,

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he was given three months time to prepare himself for the next examinations, but if he failed, then he had to repeat the term. He was not allowed to take final examinations on those subjects in which his grade was lower than "Good", therefore, he had to repeat the year. They could only repeat two terms.

CURRICULUM:

This comprised five courses of eleven months each. In addition to courses pertinent to each specialty, there was military training. Practice in hospitals, clinics, etc. was done during the course of study. Students were sent to camp for two months for military practice. Camp was located outside the city limits.

As stated before, at the end of each term final examinations were given to those having grades of "Good" in their subjects, which was equivalent to a minimum of "3". Their grades, same as in other schools, were as follows: 1 (very bad), 2 (bad), 3 (acceptable), 4 (Good), and 5 "Very Good" or "Excellent".

After completing the five courses, each student had to present a thesis based on a subject chosen by him from those suggested by the Institute. ^{upon completion and} ~~When all courses were~~ ^{approval of all courses} ~~completed and approved,~~ students received the rank of Lieutenants or Majors. As a rule, those who served as "Attendants" or "Assistants" for each group during the five courses, came out with the rank of Major.

POLITICAL INDOCTRINATION:

These classes were compulsory for all students. Instructions were given for four hours weekly by the Army ^{and} Political Commissioners of each group. Instructions consisted on "Marxism" and "Leninism" theories, Political Economy, and History of the Party, etc. They usually gave two lectures per month, after school hours, where they discussed, in addition to the above subjects, the economic and international political situation in connection with the USSR.

Here, like in other schools, the (Gvardeyskiy) medal was presented to those students who had been outstanding in the application and assimilation of said theories,

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to students

This medal was of great value through their military careers; they were allowed ~~with~~ certain privileges such as having preference for assignments, etc. During their studies, students holding this medal were favored with special passes for excursions, visits to factories or military centers, sport competitions of great interest, etc. which they attended with the Group Commissioner.

PERSONNEL:

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The staff was somewhat difficult to describe as it consisted of Officers and Generals not permanently established at the Academy. They went to Training Centers, hospitals, etc. where they gave instructions to students on medical subjects. *50X1-HUM* most of the professors were very competent in their profession; they were men of vast knowledge, and most of them were authors of books and of scientific articles appearing in magazines and newspapers..

STUDENTS:

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There were approximately 2,000 students attending the five courses. Each course was made up of twelve groups, and each group consisted of approximately thirty odd pupils. Most of the students were civilians. After finishing their schooling they became Junior Lieutenants in the Reserve. Then they applied for active service, entering the Academy ~~with~~ as such, with a possibility of coming out as Senior Lieutenants. *SECRET*

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WAGES:

Students received the following monthly wages:

1st year	-	500	rubles
2nd "	-	800	"
3rd "	-	1100	"
4th "	-	1400	"
5th "	-	1700	"

In addition to this, meals, clothes, study material, etc. were supplied by the Academy. Although tuition was free, those who wished to have their meals at the Academy could do so, and those living in the locality received the equivalent in food or in cash, [redacted] Each student, without distinction of courses, received 400 rubles monthly to pay for their rooms.

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SCHEDULE AND TIME DISTRIBUTION

Classes lasted an hour and a half, but it was quite impossible to regulate them because of the subjects involved and its specialties. Schedule of classes was sometimes changed according to the hospitals and clinics requirements. Each group had physical training every other day for a total of six hours per week. Vacations were granted on a rotation system during the year according to students' schedules in hospitals and clinics, as they could not very well abandon their practice at a specified time. [redacted]

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